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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the South Texas A&M Health Hub project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Texas A&M University-Kingsville, located at 1050 West Santa Gertrudis, Kingsville, TX 78363. The funding would be used for to establish a framework for working on addressing care quality shortfalls in rural South Texas, leveraging economies of scale, and developing a future clinical model that may be nationally emulated and replicated. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Hub will serve rural South Texas through teaching, research and patient care (in-person and through telemedicine).

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code Section 1926(a). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Vicente Gonzalez Member of Congress